

acknowledgment of this claim and of receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents, which were filed September 14, 1995, in the '285 Application.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.607(c)

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.607(c), the Examiner is respectfully advised that newly added Claims 11 through 36 have been copied exactly or in modified form from Claims 1, 3 through 6, 8 through 10, 12, 14, 15, and 17 through 21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,056 to Koichi Takahashi (Takahashi '056), issued on February 23, 1999, and assigned to Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. Applicants have copied the claims from Takahashi '056 for the purpose of provoking an interference with that patent. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

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